

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Japan

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Japan to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 12 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: Arrive in mid July, required for Japanese Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF), depart July of the following year.

(3) Program Description - Two FAOs per year conduct ICT in Japan. Training consists of 10 months of intensive intermediate language study at the Foreign Service Institute, a one-week Cultural Exchange Program (CLEP) with the JGSDF Intelligence School, and in-country and regional travel. FAOs participate in the JGSDF CLEP exchange (late Jun) at either the beginning or end of their ICT program. In-country and regional travel is conducted during and following FSI studies.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; Japanese language 2/2/2 minimum; no gender restrictions.

b. Transportation. POV shipment is not authorized; however, local purchase is relatively inexpensive. No FAO vehicle is on site. FAOs are authorized full JFTR, however incoming officers should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring, both as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

c. Housing: No government housing is available for FAOs. Officers should contact their sponsors two months prior to PCS date or on receipt of orders (whichever is closest to the PCS date) to receive current information on the housing situation in the Yokohama area.

d. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: In Yokohama, the U.S. Navy's Negishi Housing Area has a medical and dental clinic (about 5 min. from FSI). Sick call and routine care are provided. The nearest U.S military hospital is located in Yokosuka Naval Base (transportation is provided from Negishi), approximately 30 minutes away.

(2) Dependent Schooling: The DOD pre-school and primary school are located in the Negishi Housing Area. Junior and senior high school are available at the Yokosuka Naval Base (transportation is provided).

(3) PX/Commissary facilities are located at the Negishi Housing Area.

(4) APO: Full service APOs are available at the Embassy and at Camp Zama.

g. Language Instruction Availability: Private language instruction/tutoring is available for family members on the economy, at the individual's expense.

h. Rating Chain:

Rater: AARMA.
Senior Rater: ARMA/DATT.

i. FAOs in Training/Programmed:

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3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

a. Bring: AOC,CAS3, and CGSC materials. ICT provides a good opportunity to complete them and they also serve to keep FAOs current on U.S doctrine.

b. FAOs should bring complete array of military uniforms. Suit/coat and tie are required for social functions. Minimum level of dress when working at the Embassy is dress slacks and shirt with tie.

c. Required travel: Based on availability of funds, travel is authorized to the following areas:

- (1) Priority one: ROK - 14 days
- (2) Priority two: PRC/Hong Kong - 14 days
- (3) Priority three: Far East Russia - 7 days.

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